

REMARKS

The application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed July 27, 2005. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-28 were pending in this application. Claims 1-3, 6, 8-10, 12, 15, 17-21, 23, 25, 27 and 28 were rejected. Claims 4, 5, 7, 11, 13, 14, 16, 22, 24 and 26 were objected to.

Objection to the Drawings

The drawings were objected to as failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.84(p)(4) because reference character “132” was used to designate both integrated circuit substrate and P-well.

Applicant respectfully submits that the drawings are correct in that reference character “132” indicates a P-well and not an integrated circuit substrate. Correction to the drawing description has been made as an amendment to the specification. No new matter has been added.

Objection to the Specification

The abstract of the disclosure was objected to because “comprises” should have been includes in line 6 of page 15. The abstract of the disclosure has been amended as helpfully suggested by the examiner. Also the abstract has been amended to have less than 250 words. No new matter has been added to the disclosure.

Allowable Claims

Claims 4, 5, 7, 11, 13, 14, 16, 22, 24 and 26 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base independent claim and any intervening claims.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include all limitations of allowable claim 16, and therefore amended independent claim 1 should now be allowable.

Independent claim 18 has been amended to include all limitations of allowable claim 26, and therefore amended independent claim 18 should now be allowable.

Claims 4, 5, 7, 11, 13 and 14 depend from amended independent claim 1 and contain all limitations thereof. Claim 16 has been canceled.

Claims 22 and 24 depend from amended independent claim 18 and contain all limitations thereof. Claim 26 has been canceled.

Rejections of the Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-3, 6, 8-10, 12, 15, 17-21, 23, 25, 27 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Williams (U.S. 6,060,752) in view of Cheng et al. (U.S. 6,576,934 B2).

Claims 1-3, 6, 8-10, 12, 15 and 17 depend from allowable amended independent claim 1 and contain all limitations thereof.

Claims 19-21, 23, 25 and 27 depend from allowable amended independent claim 18 and contain all limitations thereof.

Claim 28 has been canceled.

All amendments are made in a good faith effort to advance the prosecution on the merits. Applicant reserves the right to subsequently take up prosecution on the claims as originally filed in this or appropriate continuation, continuation-in-part and/or divisional applications.

Applicant respectfully submits that no amendments have been made to the pending claims for the purpose of overcoming any prior art rejections that would restrict the literal scope of the claims or equivalents thereof.

Applicant respectfully requests that the amendments submitted herein be entered, and further request reconsideration in light of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of all objections and rejections, and that there be an early notice of allowance.

SUMMARY

In light of the above amendments and remarks Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance and early notice of the same is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments or suggestions in furtherance of the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the attorney of record by telephone or facsimile.

Applicant believes that there are no fees due in association with the filing of this Response. However, should the Commissioner deem that any fees are due, including any fees for extensions of time, Applicants respectfully request that the Commissioner accept this as a Petition Therefor, and direct that any and all fees due are charged to Baker Botts L.L.P. **Deposit Account No. 02-0383, (formerly Baker & Botts, L.L.P.) Order Number 068354.1395.**

Respectfully submitted,
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